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This Reply is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed March 31, 2004. No fee is thought to be necessary. However, if any fee is required for entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account 06-0029 and is requested to notify us of the same. This Reply includes the following:

- Amendments to the Specification beginning on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3 of this paper.
- Remarks beginning on page 8 of this paper.

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believes that these claims as originally filed are allowable under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, and that the base claim and any intervening claims are allowable over prior art. The applicant therefore submits that claims 19-21 and 23-25 are in condition for allowance.

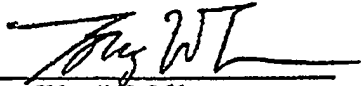
The applicant further believes that newly added claims 28-34 are also allowable.

The applicant therefore respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and requests a favorable determination on their patentability.

Respectfully Submitted,

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